

REMARKS

Claim 3 has been canceled. Claims 1, 2, and 4 remain pending in the present application.

Applicant amended claim 1 to correct a minor error. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 2, and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,596,639 to Kikinis.

A telephone interview was held on October 18, 2005 between Examiner Song and representative of Applicant, Mr. Dexter Chang (Reg. No. 44,071). Applicant and Mr. Chang wish to thank the Examiner for his time and consideration for such interview. In the October 18 interview, Mr. Chang and the Examiner discussed the above claim rejection, the cited prior art reference, and the allowability of the rejected claims.

In particular, Mr. Chang pointed out to the Examiner that although Kikinis describes recording encrypted data and decrypting keys/passwords onto the same disk, Kikinis still fails to disclose,

"a decrypting method and key information for decrypting the encrypted digital sound data are recorded in the program," as recited in base claims 1 and 2. (Emphasis added)

Mr. Chang further pointed out that the CD-PROM described in Kikinis provides selective access to encrypted data, including programs, using the decryption keys/passwords recorded on the disk, whereas the claimed invention provides for the protection of encrypted sound data, e.g., used in an interactive program such that the sound data may be reproduced in the program environment using the decrypting method and key information recorded therein, but may not be copied and reproduced without the decrypting method and key information.

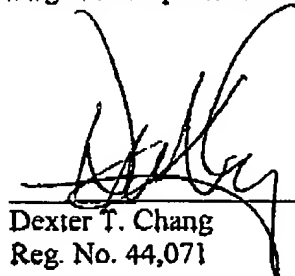
During the interview, the Examiner acknowledged that Kikinis fails to disclose the above-cited features of claims 1 and 2. Accordingly, the Examiner agreed to withdraw the § 102

claim rejection upon Applicant's filing of the present Response to the August 3, 2005 Office Action.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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